



Army Review Boards Agency



**Assistant Secretary of the
Army
(Manpower and Reserve
Affairs)**



***Serving Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families,
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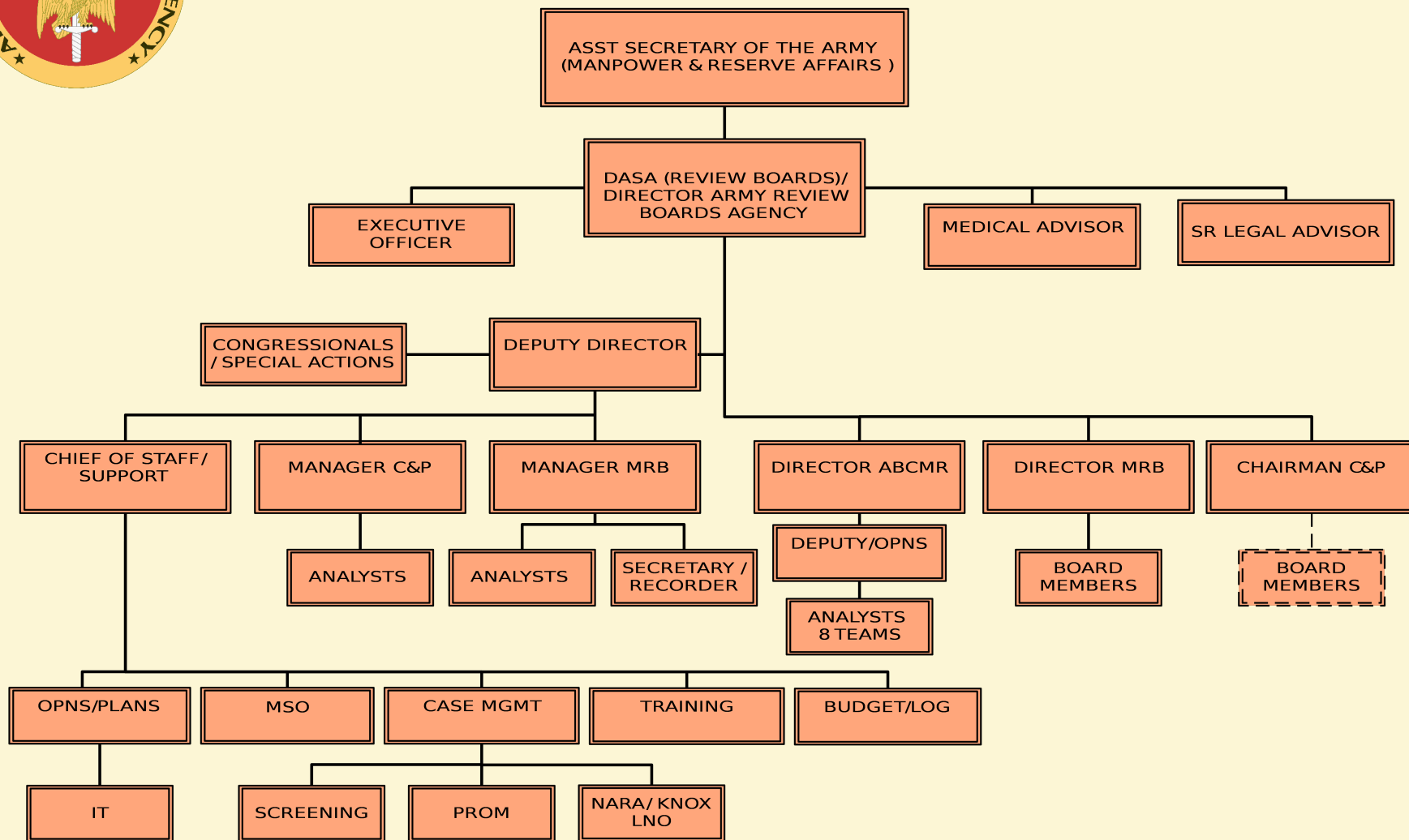
- **Acts for the Secretary of the Army**
- **Highest administrative level for review of personnel actions taken by lower levels of the Army**
- **Correct errors and injustices**
- **Policy oversight of Army Prisons and Law Enforcement**
- **15 Boards**
 - **145 personnel required (124 Civ, 21 Mil)**
 - **plus 90 DA civilian volunteer ABCMR Board Members**
- **Issues decisions based on recommendations from the DoD Physical Disability Board of Review**
 - **655 cases as of 30 September²**

2010/12/01

2011



ARMY REVIEW BOARDS AGENCY





General Procedures for Military Boards

1. Soldier/Veteran/Family Member submits an **application**
2. ARBA Staff **reviews** application, obtains **military records** and **advisory** opinions (if appropriate), and **analyzes** the case:
 - Boards are not investigative bodies
 - Applicant bears the burden of proof
 - Presumption of administrative regularity
 - Some cases are administratively closed if not appropriate
3. Staff analysis and case materials are submitted to a **Board for consideration and vote** or can be corrected administratively
4. Board **determinations transmitted** to the applicant and, if applicable, to the appropriate Army staff office for implementation



Army Board for Correction

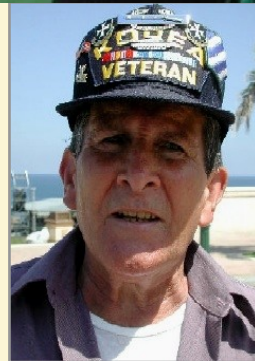
Board of 3 DA Senior Civilian Employees

**The highest administrative board in the Army
established by Title 10 U.S. Code section
1552 to**

Awar Sepa Prom correct errors and injustices in military records.

Administrative "Supreme Court"

**Retirements
Disabilities
Evaluation Reports
Pay and Allowances
Survivor Benefit Plans
Homes of Record
Titling Decisions
Clemency Petitions
Memoranda of
Reprimand**



**22,436 Cases in
FY11**



Military Review Boards

- **Army Discharge Review Board (ADRB)**
- **Army Grade Determination Review Board (AGDRB)**
- **Army Board of Review for Eliminations**
- **Army Ad Hoc Board**
- **Army Active Duty Board (OTRA Officers)**
- **Enlisted Special Review Board (ESRB)**
- **Officer Special Review Board (OSRB)**
- **DA Suitability Evaluation Board (DASEB)**
- **DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)**
- **Army Physical Disability Appeal Board**
- **Army Physical Disability Review Board**
- **Army Disability Rating Review Board**
- **Interment, Inurnment, & Memorialization Review Board (IIMRB)**



Army Discharge Review Board

Board of 5 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Established by Title 10 U.S. Code Section 1553 to**

review discharges of former Soldiers:

- **For propriety and equity in the Army in general**
- **15-year statute of limitations**
- **Excludes GCM discharges and disability separations**

- **Recurring Themes:**

- **Burden of Proof is the applicant's responsibility**
- **Completeness of applications**

- **Factors commonly considered by the Board:**

- **PTSD**

**4,489 Cases in
FY11**

2010/12/01 - **Isolated Misconduct**

- **Discharge characterization too harsh**



Grade Determination and Officer Separation Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Army Grade Determination Review** **305 Cases FY11**
Determines highest grade in which a member

satisfactorily:

- Enlisted Soldiers/warrant officers after serving 30 total years on active and retired lists
- Officer grade at time of retirement
- At separation for disability

- **Army Board of Review for Elimination** **45 Cases FY11**
Reviews records and briefs of officers who have been recommended for elimination for misconduct or substandard performance by Boards of Inquiry in the



Grade Determination and Officer Separation Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Army Ad Hoc Board** **166 Cases FY11**
 - Officer resignations in lieu of general court-martial
 - Resignations/discharges in lieu of elimination
 - Probationary officer elimination cases

- **Army Active Duty Board (OTRA Of** **0 Cases FY11**
Reviews official files of Other Than Regular (OTRA) officers who are recommended for release from active duty for misconduct or performance



Other Military Review Boards

**Board of
3 Colonels / Lieutenant Colonels(P) / Sergeants
Major**

- **Enlisted Special Review Board (ESRB)** **173 Cases in FY11**
 - Enlisted Evaluation Appeals and promotion reconsideration
- **Officer Special Review Board (OSRB)** **132 Cases in FY11**
 - Officer Evaluation Appeals and promotion reconsideration
- **DA Suitability Evaluation Board (DASEB)** **478 Cases in FY11**
 - Unfavorable Information Appeals and promotion reconsideration
- **DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)** **31 Cases in FY11**

Category 1-O = separation

Category 1-A-O = reassignment to non-combatant duties



Disability Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels (1-2 Medical Corps)

- **Army Physical Disability Appeal Board**

Adjudicates disability ratings given active duty Soldiers

in the disability pipeline referred to Physical Disability Agency

1 Case Total in FY11

- **Army Physical Disability Review Board**

Reviews claims by officers and enlisted personnel from

active duty without pay for physical disability; 15 year limitation

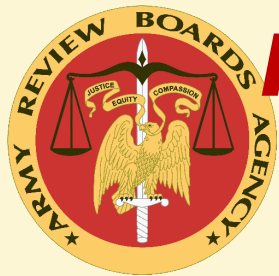
0 Case Total in FY11

- **Army Disability Rating Review Board**

Hears petitions from retired Soldiers (less than

0 Case Total in FY11

five years) for relief pertaining to percentage



Interment, Inurnment, and Memorialization Review Board (IIMRB)

NEW MISSION

Board of 5 Senior Civilian or Military Members

**1 Case in FY10
None in FY11**

- **Recommends whether the Secretary of the Army should deny interment, inurnment, or memorialization at (primarily) Arlington National Cemetery to certain Veterans who may have committed a capital crime as defined by 38 USC 2411**
- **Hearings will usually involve personal appearances by one or more of the deceased's relatives**



Army Clemency and Parole Board

**1 Civilian Chairman, 3 Colonels/Lt Colonels/Sr
Civilians,
1 Legal Advisor**

- **Conducts hearings for Clemency, Parole, Mandatory
Supervised
Release, and supervision violations for eligible Army
inmates **671 Cases in FY11**
under Title 10 USC 954 (Parole) and Title 10 USC 374
(Clemency)**



- **1038 Army inmates in military prisons in
Kuwait, Germany, Korea, contract facilities,
and in Federal Prisons**

- **Interfaces with:**

U.S. Parole Commission

Administrative Offices of U.S. Courts

The Federal Bureau of Prisons

DoD Corrections Council

DoD Correctional Facilities



Commission)



Army Review Boards Agency Online Resources

- **ARBA Website: <http://arba.army.pentagon.mil>**
 - Information on ARBA Boards
 - Frequently Asked Questions and Answers; ABCMR Applicant's Guide
 - Application Procedures and printable DD Form 149 and DD Form 293
 - **ONLINE APPLICATION!!**
- **Online Application: <http://actsonline.army.mil>**
 - Apply electronically to ABCMR and ADRB
 - Guides applicants through the process and provides helps
 - Signature page is printed at the end of the online application, signed and mailed with supporting documents
 - Applicants can check application status online using the Internet
- **ARBA Case Tracking System (ACTS)**
 - Case tracking and management
- **ARBA Intranet - Shareportal**
 - Single source for ARBA staff resources and information



FY 12 Priorities

- **Meet and exceed Congressional Mandate for processing time for cases**
- **Undertake BRAC movements with minimal disruption**
- **Support Secretary of the Army and ASA (M&RA) priorities**
 - **proactive legislative and regulatory changes to improve our services**
- **Continuous business process analysis and improvements**
- **Trend analysis of cases and systemic corrective actions**
- **Outreach and responsiveness to Congress, Veterans' Organizations, and Army Commands**



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